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[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed December 4, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 30, 37 and 43-47 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraphs [007], [010], [011], [014], [015], [017] and [018] of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Abstract:**

Please cancel the Abstract of the Disclosure, presently on file, and enter into the record of this application the new Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.